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Abdul Rahman Haj Ibrahim

T.C.3

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מדינת ישראל
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מחלקה

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT.

T.C. 3

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Abdul Rahman Haj Ibrahim

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Polis 30 /
Polis 32 / P A.
 #1
 10/3/37

Have the honour to submit the following

1. On 15-1-27 Abdul Rahim W. Hoj Shiehem the Mayor of Fulkhan commenced demolishing the ^{wood} fence of his garden which falls on the main road before obtaining any licence for demolishing thus contravening article 11 para "B" of the Town Planning Ord. No. 28 of 1916
2. He cut the trees planted on the road side since along side without any licence contravening the Forest Ord.
3. He also cut the fruitful & unfruitful trees ^{in his garden} without any licence too.
4. He obtained a licence to build shops on the edge of the main street which connects the Northern with the Southern Dist. without setting back his buildg ~~in accordance with H.E.~~ from the ^{right of the} main road according to H.E. order issued - 1927.
5. He made the Municipal Engineer to prepare the plans for him & ^{to supervise} ~~look after~~ the foundation work thus obliging the Engineer to leave his office ~~accountant~~ work & look after his buildg. He also made the scavengers to work - digging of the foundations & the municipal cart to remove all debris.

~~In conclusion~~ In the name of justice, I took the legal action he taken against the Mayor him (the Mayor) after ascertaining the truth of the statement

W. H. H. H.

Lgt. Harrison / Mohd.

Dated
20-1-27.

بسم رب طو لكرم

صندوق البريد رقم ٩

التلفون رقم ١٥

طول لكرم في

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عادة صاحب الدار التي بنيت لهم



مستعدي : صفي بن فهد الحسن طولكرم
الموضوع : الاستعانة بمقدات بدي طولكرم

ايضا اعضاء بدي طولكرم محمود اخا الحاج قاسم ينفذ باور في الزيادة التي تجتمع لتطبيقات
لتنفذه التي هي ويطول بستانه ضمن المنطقة وما ذلك الا بأمر رئيس البلدية وانه
لتطبيقات ينقل قسماً من الدون في محلات بدي الى بستانه المؤتملة وقسماً
الى المحرقه الخارج عن منطقه بدي عرماً على ارضه وكل هذا نظراً لندرة تنفع
و حتماً يجري ذلك منه رغم الاستعاضات من بعض ارضه واحمالاً (تدبيراً)
حتى من تراكمت الزبالة بكنهه في اواخر الصيف ينقلها الى ارضه ويتفجج بها ولو
تفريت البلدية والمجاويه من اللده لتفجج اولم يتفجج تفجراً من تنظيم بدي
واحدك القوس حتى يرى على الدون التي بنيت من ارضه لعمراً ومن اللده خضياً
تصرف لمصالح ليس الا لانه يمل الدولة (العثمانية) يا ترى لحد هذا الاستعانة -
هذا عما من نقل حجارة وتراب عمارة داره على لائته البلدية مع اعمال
التطبيقات بقضا استغاله الخاصه وانه لمخصص لداره خادماً به من داره وهو
عمال البلدية ويتقاضى اشته في كل شهر من الدركه المذكوره بسبب المذوره ورضها
افق شلوى لعمارتهم احياناً اجراً لتفجج بالبنيت سرّاً خوضاً من نقل الزبالة
وتسبب قول الشهود لندرج سجادهم ادناه وتنفقوا ايضاً من اعضاء البلدية وهم
مساده عبد البرم افق خونه . هاسم افق الجوى . فهد افق الجواد صحة ماذر
على ما طوى عليه هذا الرئيس والعضو وكيف يتصرف بمقدات البلدية دونه لتنفذ
غير تنفذها الخاصه وبند ذلك نود المناسبه ولعمارتهم الخاتم والعملة والاضاف
رافدا الاضام بدي

٢٧/٢/٧

الشهود : صاحب العاده طولكرم
" احمد السعاده
" احمد ابو بكر
" حاج عبد الرحمن خريوش
" عبد البرم افق الجوى
" محمود افق عبد الرحمن الجوى
" احمد افق الخجعه

مستعدي :
صفي بن فهد الحسن
طولكرم

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, SANITARY & PUBLIC HEALTH
No. 82. 1907
Transmitted to
Ex necessary action

تفجج الزبالة الى ارضه

تاریخ ۱۳۰۲

الحمد لله الذي جعلنا من عباده
الذين هم في الدنيا والآخرة

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حاکم الادارة ايشى طه

مستدى، صفي بنصر الحسن طولاكم

الى الشرف بانه اعرض سعادتكم بايلى، صدى الوفاة بدور الحكوم بغير انقطاع ونفق الحاجة
لهم احسنه، لطلب من عدالتكم ان تنظروا بوسعكم على بيعة العدل واراف كونى فقير الى
وليس دى بنصر سوى عدلكم واه.

فى هذا اليوم عقد مجلس بدوى طولاكم مبعث لتسمية ندوة موظفيه وقد كنت منحة الطائفة
بوصى صولة الوظائف وقد سجت من قبل ندوة من عضوات المجلس وور. المجلس
بالتغيبه توظيف ندوة شديدة لهم التوظيف وسأرد الاسباب التي لا تؤهلهم لندوة
تدور موظفيه وكلهم قانين.

١- حيلة كبرى: فى العام على عبيد محبي لدموان في دائرة المالية وقد اسلم للمعينة الطبية
وسقط من جهة نظره وقد رفضت طلبه دائرة المالية ولغت تعيينه لذلك لا يجوز
انه يرجع ويوظف به حتى يوزن كم الحد منه وهذا يعارض طبيه وجميع اعضاء وزنه
المنطق قانونيه لولا اعراضه فوظف بدور الحكوم بجهته بقرينة سليم الصلة تمام
٢- محروني اليهم ببيعان، هذا عينه عاجزة لنقل جذا وروايتهم بتقديمه للمعينة الطبية
لكنه نتيجة الفوضى حرمانه من التوظيف

٣- محروني الفلاح اجاب مره: لقد كان موظف في سلمه البولي وقد طرد طرداً مطلقاً
والقانون بحرم الذي يطرد به احدى وظائف الحكوم انه يرجع ويوظف في هذا التي
صحيحاً عليه أيضاً البنية وبغير ضرورة على ذلك ارجو الفاء تعيينهم حسب القانون وتعييني
وتعيينه به لندهم كونه الطبية كندوه وكلهم احواله لهم للمعاش

وانى احد منهم بالتوظيف لى اقد منهم منحة لعلية والصحية وما انا اقد منهم حاله
وهذا ما اظنه اندى منفى من التوظيف وكذاه ليس عليه طولاكم بيطاني وبغير احققة
الندوة لانه بجمعية الحاجة راندى هم منغمية آخر وصحتهم عليه كلف هذه لبقا
م نهم ارا الرئيس. هذا صبي لفقير حاراً حيت لو علم ولده وخسر عليه خزانة لم يستغفر
منه كونه محروم من وظائف الحكوم واما الفنى فبالعقس يا صاحبه لعله يستجير بعدالتكم
انه تراخى بالتشا وحالة عيانه انفقاً وبغير عيانه وبه بغيره بواة في الحق واقله

خاتمة (دور ام بدي) ٢٥ / ١٠ / ٢٠

مستدى
صفي بنصر الحسن
طولاكم

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

In reply please quote

No. T.C.3

P.O.B. 1
Tel. No. 11

DISTRICT OFFICES
TULKARM.

3.2.37. 28

Asst. District Commissioner,
Nablus.

Subject:- Complaint against His Worship
the Mayor of Tulkarm.

I return the enclosed application duly
translated with the following comments thereon:

Building licence was obtained by His
Worship the Mayor of Tulkarm in accordance with
the adopted procedure.

His garden trees were not cut before
obtaining the required licence from the Forest
Ranger and which licence was issued by this office
after collecting the prescribed fees.

Licence to build on the edge of the
main streets was granted to persons other than the
Mayor who commenced building shops on the main
road long since before him. Such a resolution
was to build on the edge of the street was passed
by the Local Town Planning Committee.

The Municipal Engineer is supposed to
supervise the foundation work as it is apart of
his duty to demarcate the alignment of each
building. In case the plan was prepared by the
Municipal Engineer, I believe the Mayor is obliged
to ask him to do it for lack of civil Engineers
at Tulkarm.

Hassan Mohd. who is the petitioner is a
fictitious name, as no person with such a name exists
at Tulkarm and if his complaint was based on sound
basis he would dare to give his address in full.

On the face of this complaint, I am under
the impression that it is the fabrication of the
Mayor's opponents whose leaders are H. Shem Eff.
Jayussi and Hassan Eff. Miquddi, the latter person
has recently become one of the leading parties,
because he is disputing his uncle the Mayor the
ownership of the piece of the land on which the
building is now being erected, as his main aim
is to hinder his uncle's work.

You are aware of the attitude of the
former person and so there is no necessity to
describe his energy in preparing such statements
which are found to be logic to any person who read
them on its prima facie, but on going deeply to such
statements it is easy to reach to a conclusion that
they are baseless and false.

The employment of the scavengers to
assist in the building work is out of truth.

HK/BM.

[Signature]
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Translation.

District Commissioner N.D.

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I have the honour to submit the following:

1. On 15.1.37 Abdul Rahman Haj Ibrahim the Mayor of Tulkarm commenced demolishing the wall fence of his garden which falls on the main road before obtaining any licence for demolishing thus contravening Art.11 para (b) of the Town Planning Ord.No.28 of 1936.
2. He cut the trees planted on the road side since a long time without any licence contravening the Forest Ordinance.
3. He also cut the fruitful and unfruitful trees in his garden without any licence too.
4. He obtained a licence to build shops on the edge of the main street which connect the Norther with the southern District without setting back his building from the side of the main road according to H.E.order issued in 1927.
5. He made the Municipal Engineer to prepare the plans for him and to supervise the foundation work thus obliging the Engineer to leave his office work and look after his building. He also made the scavengers to work in digging of the foundations and the Municipal cart to remove all debris.

In the name of Justice I ask that legal action be taken against him(the Mayor) after ascertaining the truth of my statement.

With respects.

Tulkarm
20.1.37.

(Sgd)Hassen Mohd.

HK/BM.

1. The first...

2. The second...

3. The third...

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5. The fifth...

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25. The twenty-fifth...

26. The twenty-sixth...

27. The twenty-seventh...

28. The twenty-eighth...

29. The twenty-ninth...

30. The thirtieth...

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تاريخ ١٠/١٠/١٤

رقم ط ٢

عنه تلافى محمد صبيح المصطفى
شيد علي بابا شوقم بدوول برينجام الرشد لقمان
المندرج الاسامي والمورخه في ١٦ ايلول ١٩٨٨ ونفلاو
بفيل نانه الرقة

عنه تلافى المصطفى
مستوفي

(Copy)

TELEGRAM



From: Mustafa Mohammad Said

To: His Excellency,
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE
TRANS-JORDAN

Despatched: Tulkarm, 16-9-34.

No.

Dated:

The Mayor of Tulkarm uses his office as a means for personal revenge. He is endeavouring to do harm to me while he connives at many matters concerning others. I request that an enquiry be made.

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER	1.10.34
No. 1710/47	D.O. Tulkarm
acknowledgement	

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DISTRICT OFFICES
TULKARM.
13.2.33.

Asst. District Commissioner,
Samarra.

Subject:- Complaint - Fahd Farid Talal
Reference:- Your C/6/4 of 25.1.33.

I beg to return herewith the petition forwarded under your above quoted letter duly translated, together with the following comments thereon.

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2. Between the inhabitants of Tulkarm there exist no person in the name of Fahd Farid Talal, and so the name is fictitiously used.

3. The complaints raised are confined within the the following points:-

- a) Irregular attendance of the Mayor to the office, as he only comes for a few hours a day.
- b) Unauditing of municipal accounts.
- c) Extra pay allotted to the Messenger boy who resides at Taiyiba village and who hinder the office work when he is called after the office hours.
- d) Appointment of permanent labourers to the municipal garden
- e) Complaint against the Municipal member Haj Mahmud El Qassim who is the Mayor's tool.
- f) Market and animal sale fees.

4. With regard to the 1st complaint, the Mayor use to come late to the office during Ramadan time only and the Municipality use to perform office work from 9 - 3 p.m.

5. The Municipal Account are being audited every year, this as far as complaint No. B is concerned.

6. With regard to complaint No. C the Messenger boy is paid LP. 4 as monthly wages according to the municipal provision provided in the budget for this purpose, though he is residing at Taiyiba, but so far, I never heard any complaint against him from any body either he is late or unpunctual in attendance.

Complaint No. D.

In fact one of these labourers is old, and his work is only defined as a guard to prevent any damage to the municipal garden trees and flowers by children and others. Prisoners occasionally are given to the Municipality when possible for the purpose of giving a hand in work either at the municipal garden or in any

other work and such prisoners are always supervised by the scavenging Shawish.

Complaint No.E.

I dont see any tangible facts to enable me to make any investigation against this municipal member, as no offence is attributed to him.

Complaint No.F

Hereunder is a statement showing the market and animal sale fees collected when these two items were contracted for, and when collected by Municipality.

Decrease in 1931 and 1932 is due to the close of the market on account of animal disease which ended by break of the contract made.

An increase in the market fees will be noticed during the year 1932-33 if compared when such fees where farmed out.

	<u>Actual collections for</u>	<u>Actual collections for market</u>
	<u>market fees when farmed out</u>	<u>fees when uncontracted</u>
1930	LP.262	LP.38.350 for three months from 1.1. to 31.3.32.
1931	247.050	£12.790 for ten months from 1.4.32 to 31.1.33.

Animal sale fees was contracted for LP.775 but the contract was abolished owing to the spread of animal disease, collections under this item are as follows:-

	<u>Actual collections for animal</u>	
	<u>sale fees when not contracted for</u>	
1930	LP.229.170	
1931	LP.494.705	
	75.385	Collection for three months from 1.1.32 to 31.3.32
	409.510	Collections for ten months from 1.4.32 to 31.1.33.

HH/BM.


DISTRICT OFFICER.

TULKAREM MUNICIPALITY

بلدية طولكرم

No.

عدد

Tul Karem

١٩٢٢ / ٤ / ٦

طولكرم في

رقم	رقم	
١٧.	٢٢٩	تحققان رسم ايج سنة ١٩٢٠ " بدون تكريم "
٧٠٥	٤٩٤	١٩٢١ " " " "
[لائحة ملزمين بسبب مبلغ ٧٧٥ فيا بسبب اقتراض السيرة لنفس ارضه الميراثان حسب فني الاملاك]		
٢٨٥	٧٥	تحققان رسم ايج عهدة سنة ١٩٢١ / ٤ / ١٠ في ١٩٢٢ / ٤ / ١٠ " بدون تكريم "
٥١.	٤٠٩	تحققان عهدة سنة ١٩٢١ / ٤ / ١٠ في ١٩٢٢ / ٤ / ١٠ " بدون تكريم "

...	٢٦٢	تحققان رسم السيرة	١٩٢١	تكرير
١٥.	٢٧٤	" " "	١٩٢١	" " "
٢٥.	٢٨	سيرة سنة ١٩٢١ / ٤ / ١٠ في ١٩٢٢ / ٤ / ١٠	١٩٢١	" " "
٧٩.	٢١٢	عشرة سنة ١٩٢١ / ٤ / ١٠ في ١٩٢٢ / ٤ / ١٠	١٩٢١	" " "

سماحة بلدية طولكرم

مختار

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

In reply please quote
Ref. No. C/6/4

T.C.J.
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DISTRICT OFFICES.
NABLUS.

25th. January, 1933.

The Assistant District Commissioner presents his compliments to District Officer, Tulkarm, and transmits herewith, for your observation, translation and return a complaint by Fahd Farid Talal of Tulkarm, against the Mayor of Tulkarm.

B.F. to discuss with the A.D.C.

Translation.

District Commissioner,
N.D., Haifa.

22A

Petitioner- Fahid Farid Talal.

Subject:- Mayor of TulKarm

I have the honour to state some of the Mayor Abdul Rahman Eff. acts and deeds which are admirable and Your Excellency being the only person responsible towards such acts so the following are narrated:

1. I think you agree with me in saying that elections of Mayor and its members should be according to the wishes and desire of the inhabitants as it is not a self Government body. A notice on the Municipal blackboard is fixed stating the Ramadan office hours from 9 - 2, the Mayor leaves his house after 12 o'clock and come to the office for an hour and then quit to the Mosque, is this permitted? it is within my power to write to this effect to the District Officer but he instead of considering my complaint, he refers the whole petition to the Mayor for perusal.
2. It is known to your Excellency that the municipal funds are from TulKarm inhabitants only and such funds should be spent towards the town improvement, and I regret to say that such funds are spent in its illegal procedure and this is due to lack of auditors how such funds are spent, moreover I have heard it from several persons that all complaints offered to Government against the Mayor are overlooked and put by, having therefore full confidence in your justice, therefore I dare to narrate the present situation of the Mayor and expect from you to come in person and enquire into the truth of my statement.
3. A Messenger named Hassan Hamid who comes from Taiyiba village which is the Mayor's town and he is one of his relatives, and because so, he is paid LP.4.500 as monthly wages, while other messenger boys such as the D.A. are paid from LP.2.500 - LP.3 and at the same time they are doing more work than this messenger, and is it legal for the Municipality to appoint a person from outside TulKarm town, as the office remains closed until he arrives from the village as he keeps the office keys and he does not report to the office before 9 o'clock, is there no one who could always be available for work?
4. Two persons are employed for the Municipal garden for its cleaning and plantation of trees, one of whom is named Ahmed Badawi who comes from Khan-Yunis and his pay LP.3 a month, this person knows nothing about agriculture and all his time is spent in roaming the streets as he has not work to do, besides that he is offered free accommodation and every day he is provided with five prisoners and instead of making them work in cleaning the garden he allows them to sit under the trees towards the tips he is offered. Is there no person at TulKarm who can carry out this work? If we consider this person to be a municipal guard, what plantations are found to be guarded and what is the

work performed by this employee for the garden, I therefore beg you to come and pay a visit to this garden and see in what state it is.

5. The friend of this guard comes from Taiyiba village and his name is Hamid Hassan he is also paid LP.3 a month, this employee relates to the Mayor and his age is over 80 years, he put on European dress and looks as an Effendi. This employee is similar to his friend in Agric. knowledge and he spend all his time in roaming the streets, he is entirely unable to do any work for his old age, and a look on him will prove my statement, besides, what trees have been planted and their number, and what improvement have been done to the garden.

6. A member of the municipal council named Mahmud Haj Qassim this member is under the disposal of the Mayor and serve his wishes and demands. The Mayor every year will not farm out the animal sale tax even if it exceeds its estimated amount, but he let the fees for this item to be collected through his faithful member, whom I much doubt his honesty I draw your kind attention to the deficit in the animal sale tax, what fees have been collected from the 1st of the year up to date, and what is the estimated amount for this item, the deficit will then appear to you.

I therefore kindly ^{beg you} to pay a visit to Tulkarm where all such matters appear to you, moreover, I have many other things to point out, but I await to see what action is taken on my petition and at the same time, I beg that my application is not referred to the Mayor.

Being under the impression that you are the only person responsible towards such acts and in order that it may be said that you have no knowledge of such acts, I submitted this application with full hope that it may receive careful consideration.

(Sgd) Fahid Farid Talal
of Tulkarm

HK/BM.

District Governor,
Samaria District,
Nablus.

SECRET

Subject: Complaint against the Mayor.

Reference: S.C./30/21, of 18th Decr: 1923.

- (1) The name appearing on the document is false; there is no such person. The petition therefore is anonymous.
- (2) The person who sent the petition is the senior Municipal clerk who in one year has done about six months service and is hopelessly decrepit.
- (3) The Mayor recently found that the safe was short and as the clerk in question was responsible he was ordered to refund the money. Later the Mayor found that the same clerk had taken money for contracts and had not paid the money into the safe, he therefore ordered the clerk to hand over all monies to the other clerk who henceforth is to be responsible.
- (4) It was I personally who insisted on this man's (the senior clerk) being medically boarded, for he is very seldom on duty and this office has suffered owing to the delay in receiving documents from the Municipality.
- (5) The Mayor has been very patient with the man, and has had his hand forced by me. The clerk blames the Mayor and the petition is the outcome.

3-I-24.
CFR.

C. R.
S.D. Governor,
Tul Karem.

21A

Originally the Municipalities were established for the following objects:-

- (1) To keep the town clean and to take care of its water.
- (2) To open streets and public squares.
- (3) To always endeavour to improve the condition of the town by actual work and in accordance with the Law.
- (4) To assist the poor and to do everything for the benefit of the town and the welfare of its inhabitants.

In other words the Baladya means a noble service done by a handful of men from the town, to improve it. This is the sole object of Baladyas ever since they have been established up to the present time. But praise God our Baladya is just the contrary, because it has made itself a disaster both to the town and its people, and it has been the cause of their misery and their injury, in so much that they now completely hate it, and wish to God that the just Government will entirely close it, and do without it, for if this is done, it will rid the people of its evils and its injuries, and it will cause much comfort to them.

As an example we describe to you the work of the Custom and work of our Municipality, hoping that you will closely and carefully scrutinise it.

The annual income of the Baladya is over £. £. 35 00. If only half of this amount is spent on useful objects, the town will be completely improved, and will be at the largest and best town in the Country, not only that but the income will increase up to £. £. 6000 and more for instance.

But out of the L. £. 3500 the following sums are spent:-

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| (1) Salaries to Mayor and his establishment | L. £. 1000 |
| (2) Salaries to scavengers and cost of scavenging | = 1500 |
| (3) Salaries to water officials & expenses on same | = 0200 |
| (4) Salaries of guards, extraordinary, Coffee and
Cigarettes to the officer, and salaries for servants
in public garden | = 0500 |
| (5) Furniture, stationary, travelling all, for articles
for work on public garden, and slaughter house | = 0200 |

The sum of L. £. 500 remains for petrol to water engine, and for streets lamps which have been put up only this year, also for repairs to said engine when necessary, and repairs to water house, slaughter house, and reservoir, also for helping the poor, for mending the roads and streets. The sum of L. £. 500 for all this is not sufficient.

Is it lawful and right (Jone Ex) that the income be wasted like that, and that most of it go to the pockets of officials? What balance remains to be used for the benefit of the town and the people? Where is the shop or house built by the Baladya for the benefit of the town, and had there been any work done to its good or to that of the people? None except the work on the public garden, which founded on a Cemetery, where several bodies have been buried and their death shirts have not yet been worn out.

The work on this garden has taken the Baladya years to do, and the fact that it was a Cemetery, and there is another Cemetery close to it on the west side, still existing, renders it more harmful than good. The town people gained nothing by it, except their sadness when they have to walk over their dead

relatives with their own feet, and when they remember what the Trayer has done to them, by digging out the tombs of their relatives, and throwing the bones away.

Yes they are very sad and their hearts are broken to see this shameful work, which the Trayer did for nothing else but when a Britisher visits the town he takes him to the garden to see, in order to be astonished by ^{his} Capacity and his diligence, and to praise him for that work which God does not like.

● Secondly with regard to scavenging which costs £8,000, last year several persons offered to take it by contract for £400 but the Trayer refused, in order that to retain his authority, and he cares nothing whether the town is destroyed or lost. There are 12 scavengers in addition to a scavenger and his two assistants. All these are naturally under his orders, they work for him in his town and on his private business because he alone appoints and dismisses them. It is therefore not difficult to know that such actions create greatness and pride, both are the sole objects of the Trayer.

● For if he appoints a stranger to the scavenging he could have no influence on him, and he could neither dismiss ~~or~~ appoint and have the arrogancy which instead of what he desires nothing else.

He is known to the public as a leader, but really he is only a leader in such actions as above mentioned. For these reasons he did not wish to save £600 and no one of the members of the Badadya Council make him yield, because they are all weak, and he by his Capacity and his tricks is ruling their thoughts, thus they know nothing but what he shows them.

With regard to the sale of Animal Tax, if it is sold by Contract it will increase to £ 200 more than what the member of the Bialadya Trokmond Eff. Haj Kassim is Collecting.

This man when he was appointed a member was indebted £ 400 but now after paying his debts possesses £ 2000 as is well known to every individual of the town, because he collected his wealth out of handling this tax, which has been in his hands since 10 years ago.

His close and great friend the Mayor had trusted it to him and required to sell it by Contract, except last year he sold it for £ 740 because all the people were excited and demanded such.

This year the income will not be more than £ 500 and ~~such~~ will be the following year. Such may be said of all other items which if sold by Contract, the income will be doubled and at least one third of it will be saved from embezzlement by the Bialadya Trustees.

As has been said before £ 1000 go to salaries, including Mayor's salary £ 25, C. C. £ 15, Clerk 8 etc etc. Why all these large salaries which are a burden on such a Bialadya the income of which is so little, and can hardly support itself or pay its own expenses.

If the Bialadya has the right Mayor, the salaries must not be a third of the income. £ 15 is enough for the Mayor, the C. C. is not wanted and £ 5 is sufficient for a Clerk. Thus £ 500 are sufficient for all salaries at the utmost.

Instead of the 1500 £ 5. now spent on guards to Public ^{Chamber} ~~Chamber~~ there is one single man who will guard it for 300 £ T.

and to investigate it Carefully, as if you find it correct you will rid us from the evil doings of this despot, and replace him by another from the town, as it is not right that our Mayor is a stranger.

We further hope to see some of the justice and redress because we ~~accused~~ ^{accused} him many times during the Turkish times but he used to bribe officials who used to close there eyes and leave him as he is, is and at last we were tired and did nothing.

~~_____~~ We wanted to complain ^{to you} but we were told that H. E. the H. C. is satisfied with him, and therefore our Complaint was delayed untill now, but ^{as} we were choked to death and we hated our lives by his acts and lost all our patience by toleration, we submitted this to your Ex, although we do not believe that ~~our~~ ^{our} petition will meet its object because we are afraid that it will be overcome by the good look of the Mayor, yet our hopes in your justice is great.

We therefore beg that after ~~carefully~~ ^{carefully} ~~highly~~ obtaining the necessary explanations and giving it your Carefull Consideration, and after finding that all its Contents are true, you will give your order to rid us of his wicked acts and his injuries. It is sufficient that he had been a Mayor for ten years during the Turkish time and you without the having the right to it and in any way your orders are to be obeyed.

Said El Hassoud
Tulheran

Tel. address: "HIGHCOMA, JERUSALEM".

Any reply should be addressed to
THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
JERUSALEM.

and should quote
No Adm. 44/485.

SECRETARIAT,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
JERUSALEM.

16th January, 1924.



District Governor,
Samaria District.

Subject:- Complaint against Mayor
of Tulkarem.

Reference:- Your SC/30/21 of 10.1.24.

The report furnished on petition
in question is noted; you have doubtless arranged
for the petitioner to be informed accordingly.

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CHIEF SECRETARY.

MN/LB/16.

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P.A. C-7130

No:SC/30/21.

19
Headquarters
Samaria District
Nablus.
10th January.1924.

Chief Secretary,
Government House,
Jerusalem.

Subject:- Complaint against Mayor of Tulkarem.
Reference:- Adm.44/485 of 13-12-23.

The attached copy of a letter from the Sub-
District Governor Tulkarem is submitted for your
information.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SAMARIA DISTRICT



District Governor,
Samaria District,
Nablus.

Subject: Complaint against the Mayer.

Reference: S.C./30/21, of 18th Decr: 1923.

- (1) The name appearing on the document is false; there is no such person. The petition therefore is anonymous.
- (2) The person who sent the petition is the senior Municipal clerk who in one year has done about six months service and is hopelessly decrepit.
- (3) The Mayer recently found that the safe was short and as the clerk in question was responsible he was ordered to refund the money. Later the Mayer found that the same clerk had taken money for contracts and had not paid the money into the safe, he therefore ordered the clerk to hand over all monies to the other clerk who henceforth is to be responsible.
- (4) It was I personally who insisted on this man's (the senior clerk) being medically boarded, for he is very seldom on duty and this office has suffered owing to the delay in receiving documents from the Municipality.
- (5) The Mayer has been very patient with the man, and has had his hand forced by me. The clerk blames the Mayer and the petition is the outcome.

3-I-24.
CFR.

C. F. Reading.
S.D. Governor,
Tul Karem.

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PALESTINE GOVERNMENT



No:SC/30/21.

CONFIDENTIAL.

17
Headquarters
Samarie District
Nablus.
18th December, 1923.

Sub-District Governor
Tulkarem.

Subject:- Complaint against Mayor.
Reference:- Attached, which please return.

Will you please let me have your observations.

I have your S.T.K(90) of 11-12-21.


DISTRICT GOVERNOR
SAMARIA DISTRICT

TEL. ADDRESS:
"P.O. BOX, JERUSALEM".

SECRETARIAT,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
JERUSALEM.

Adm. 44/485.

District Governor,
Sameris District.

13th December, 1923



Subject : Complaint against the Mayor
of Tulkerem.

I am directed to transmit for
your observations a copy of the digest
of the translation of a petition from
one Said Al Mas'ud of Tulkerem on this
subject.

*(together with the Pehlwan's
original)*

Examination
CHIEF SECRETARY.

MN/GOL/12.

*For
see file 53*

His Excellency
The High Commissioner.

11 OCT 1923
44/485/1. 1614

Said Al Mas'ud of Tulkarem gives a long statement condemning the activities of the Mayor of Tulkarem, and shows how his subordinates were enriched through his office as Mayor. He concludes with the following words: "It is not admissible that our Mayor be appointed from people outside our town. We appeal to Your Excellency to show us justice and equity. Whenever we complained against him during the Turkish regime, he used to bribe the Turkish officials who took no action against him. Whenever we wanted to put these facts to Your Excellency, we were told that Your Excellency was satisfied with his services. Now we can no more bear his activities and therefore submit to you this petition. We trust that Your Excellency will consider this petition and will, after establishing the truth of its contents, issue the necessary orders to suppress his bad activities as he has been holding this office for about 20 years.

27-11-23.

CONFIDENTIAL

No:SC.30/14/1

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HEADQUARTERS
SAMARIA DISTRICT
NABLUS
6th September, 1922

Sub-District Governor,
Tulkeram.

I transmit herewith an invitation to
Haj Ibrahim Eff Abdel Rahman O.B.E. to attend the
ceremony at Jerusalem on the 11th instant.

Kindly deliver it to him.

CHFC/SS.

CH. H. H.
GOVERNOR.

*Delivered.
on 11/9/22*

cc L.

THE GOVERNORATE.
JAFFA.

Date 13th February 1922

In reply please quote

N^o Z/449/D

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Sub-Governor,

Tulkarem.

In pursuance of the powers invested in me
as Governor, under Art.4 Chapter 11 of the Ottoman
Laws- I hereby nominate

Abd El Rahman Eff Haj Ibrahim
to be President of the Municipal Council lately
elected in Tulkarem.

b.7. Jh. T. -

GOVERNOR
Jaffa District.

FT/.

S.T.K./ (90).

13
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THE GOVERNORATE,
TUL KAREM SUB-DISTRICT.

To The Governor,
JAFFA DISTRICT.

SECRET AND

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: MAYOR OF TUL KAREM.

REFERENCE:- Z/3 of 2/12/21, and further to my
S.T.K./85 of 6/12/21.

(1) I fully agree with the opinion you express that ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: Mayor of Tul Karem did not use his influence as he might have done during the disturbances in May to discourage the mob from taking part in the inexcusable attack on, and sack of, certain houses in Hudeireh.

(2) ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: has been Mayor of Tul Karem for fifteen years, before which he held different appointments in the Turkish Government. At one time he was a senior official in the Ottoman Agricultural Bank, and he was also for some time an official in the TABU Department in the Governorate in Tul Karem.

(3) Next month, two years will have elapsed since the last election for members of the Municipality. This was during the time of Major Nott. Under the Turks the rule here was that half the members of the Municipality retire every two years, the Mayor remaining in power for four years.

(4) The members of the Municipality were elected by the vote of the people two years ago, but Major Nott would not allow the members to choose the Mayor as was customary, and he appointed ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: as Mayor.

(5) Next month the election will be held and the Mayor has to retire and put up for re-election. It is very doubtful if he be returned whether the members would vote him as Mayor for there is strong opposition.

(6) Before proceeding farther I wish to emphasise the fact that I consider ABDUL RAHMAN EFF's sin of omission during the troublous times in May was deserving of the very gravest censure and his removal from the Mayoralty of Tul Karem desirable. However I think that it is desirable that his removal be done in a judicious way as there is much stress put on the statement recently made that after the fines were collected the whole matter would be dropped.

(7) En passant I might mention that the day after the troops had left Tul Karem we had the biggest cattle market that I have yet seen in Tul Karem, most of the cattle being brought from Jenin, Nablus, and Haifa Districts. This fact is worthy of note, inasmuch as it emphasises to what extent the word of an Englishman is trusted, for it was pointed out to me that if the fine had been levied by the Turks there would not have been one head of cattle seen for months in the market, but as our word had been given outside people had no fear whatsoever of their cattle being seized.

(8) My predecessors Major Nott and Major Sir W.E. Curtis both thought highly of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: and acknowledged that his energy and brains were abnormal in this country. The former rewarded his ability and help by recommending him for the O.B.E. This was awarded him subsequent to my taking over, and extra to his already being spoilt this award, which gave him much personal pleasure and enhanced prestige, added fuel to a pride which he had been led to believe was legitimately justified.

(9) He had the full confidence of my predecessors and this was the state of affairs when I took over the Sub-District.

(10) I studied the man closely and in my subsequent investigations from many different sources including Christians, I found that during the war:-

(a) He set his face very sternly against the prevailing custom with the Turkish Officers of taking by force young girls for the purpose of prostitution, and several young Christian girls were saved by his intervention although ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: is fanatically inclined where Christians are concerned.

(b) He did many acts of kindness to individuals of different creeds including destitute Jews.

(c) He forbade the issue of licences for drinking bars and kept dancing girls away from the cafés. (His theory was that young men to obtain entertainment by dancing girls stole anything they could lay their hands on to provide funds.) He thus kept petty theft in the Town at a minimum.

(d) He used his influence with Constantinople to have removed Turkish Officials who went beyond the bounds in the matter of backsheesh and ill-treatment of the people.

(10) One of the favourite pastimes of ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH (now in prison in Jaffa) a powerful notable of KAKON was to terrorise couples just about to be married, and on many occasions the young bride had to spend her first night with ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH. He was also leader of the largest, best organised, and most powerful band of brigands in this part of Palestine and even since the British Occupation he has continued the direction of highway robberies with violence, and other crime including murder, always being clever enough to remain immune from prosecution.

(11) He caused his own cousin to be murdered and there is no shadow of a doubt that after the Hudeireh Riots as recently as last May, he caused to be murdered the ARAB woman witness OTTAR SHEHADI. She gave evidence at Hudeireh implicating him with others, and she was murdered immediately afterwards at his instigation? He paid the murderer LeFifty for the work.

(12) ABDEL RAHMAN EFF: whatever his other faults may be is not licentious and he sets his face against crime and criminals. Except for his regrettable relapse in connection with the Hudeireh catastrophe, he is a solid upholder of Law and Order.

(13) ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH's power was curtailed to a considerable extent by the efforts of ABDUL EFF: RAHMAN THE MAYOR and the two have been bitter enemies for many years.

(4).

(14) It is absolutely necessary in discussing ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: to introduce the name of ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH, and the Christian community of TUL KAREM.

(15) ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH has a strong following in the Sub-District, but the majority especially the notable faction are criminals and every one of them has served years' imprisonment.

(16) That the Political bias of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: caused him to transgress is without question; the abnormality of the times was responsible for this and the previous Political strife blinded him to the responsibility he held in connection with Political disorder and violence.

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(17) I re-iterate that he is deserving of punishment for this.

(18) We must now come to the power that he wields in the Sub-District.

(19) For reasons well known to me and for reasons which are obvious, certain notables both in this Sub-District and outside it have caused the statement to be made that the English Sub-Governor of Tul Kareem is not really the Sub-Governor but ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: is. This opinion was current also during the time both my predecessors were functioning here.

(20) As far as I am concerned it would be an insult to my intelligence if I ever gave a moment's thought or worry to this, but I am sorry to say that the idea is firmly rooted in the minds of certain British Officials, including Officials at Headquarters in Jerusalem. The Palestinian who for personal reasons, and who has enlisted the aid of my own officials, especially the Christian element, passes on the opinion, knows at bottom, of the ridiculousness of the statement.

(21) That ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: "twists me round his little finger" for the sole purpose of obtaining his own ends, and enhancing his own power of retaliation on his personal enemies is a favourite expression of opinion which is too absurd to consider. I sincerely trust that if this view has gained credence with my Superiors my removal from a place like Tul Kareem is imperative.

(22) My late District Officer Wadie Eff: Isawi and my present M.O. Dr Farid Haddad are extremely bitter opponents of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: from purely religious motives, and their puerile complaints have on several occasions annoyed me considerably. They have resented my not listening to anything which I considered unimportant and have helped on the rumour that I have not taken action because I did not want to offend the Mayor!!

(23) As these two officials are Senior Officials any opinion they should express before Palestinians would gain credence, and the Moslem opponents of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: took advantage of their antagonism, to intrigue by their aid and on every possible occasion against ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: and in most cases most unjustly.

(24) The attitude of the 350 Christians (out of a total population of 40,000 souls) in this Sub-District during my predecessor's time and during my own, was so offensive that I had to take official notice of their Communal tactlessness and reprove them for their unwisdom.

(25) I reported at some length on this subject just after my arrival in Tul Karem and mentioned incidents where local Christians would inflame the minds of the Moslems by such statements as "Now we shall see that we get our own back now we are under a Christian Government", and using the British Official as being a Christian as a means of carrying out their threats.

(26) Salim Durzi my Finance Clerk recently transferred to Gaza who is a Christian was very fond of using tactless speeches of this kind

(27) The breach between Christian and Moslem has widened. ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: is the natural leader of the Moslems and has therefore earned the hate of the Christians and I have been dragged in as being under his thumb because I have had to reprimand individual Christians for their foolish statements.

(28) The LATIN PATRIARCH visited Tul Karem often two or three times weekly and instead of trying to pacify the two contending parties acted in such a manner as to make them much more bitter one against the other.

(29) This resulted in the venom of the Christians being directed against ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: and the

Latin Patriarch attacked me personally.

(30) The latter has left no stone unturned to embarrass me and belittled me on every possible occasion. He told the people here, and it became common gossip in the villages, that if he could not obtain my dismissal from Government service rather than I should remain in Tul Karem he would use his influence with certain "High British Officials", in Jerusalem to have me promoted!!

(31) I will now quote four cases (of dozens) in connection with which ABDUL RAHMAN's name became anathema among the Christians and in which he took neither active nor in-active part. I solely am responsible and I never on any occasion discussed any one of them with ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: until I had given my decision and in many like cases I did not even invite his opinion.

(32)

(a) The Moslem Gallad Hamoola had sold a piece of land to the Christians for the site of a Church. This transaction took place when I was on leave in England. As the Land Registrar had brought no papers for me to sign, I was perfectly unaware of the transaction.

Co-incidentally I had to take firm action against the Hamoola Gallad and punish them for a dastardly destruction of hundreds of pounds worth of melons the property of an inoffensive, non-political Moslem member of Tul Karem's Population. This man is a friend of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF.

The moment I took action against the Gallads the rumour spread that at the instigation of the Mayor the SUB-Governor had punished the Gallads because they being Moslems had sold land for a site of a Church for the Christians.

The Local Latin Priest started the rumour and the Latin Patriarch visited Tul Karem, met the Moslem opponents of the Mayor and set his seal to the rumour.

It was a disgraceful libel. ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: never on any occasion discussed the matter with me until after I had taken action, and when ordering the punishment I was perfectly ignorant that the Gallads had sold the land Isawi Eff: informed me quite casually about a fortnight after I had punished the Gallads.

This is one example where I was supposed to be in the power of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF:.

(b) As ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: and I are supposed to be inseparable, and as any attack on me if successful would result in the degradation of the Mayor, I quote another scurrilous example which originated in the brains of certain of the Chrastian Community here. A certain MAHMOUD IL KURDI, just after the attack on HUDEIREH, went into the town of Tul Karem and stated that the Jews had assaulted an old Moslem and had cut the eye of his sheep out.

The old man was actually at my office at the time and informed me that a certain Moslem enemy of his from Dennabeh, out of spite, had struck him across the head and body with a thick stick and in striking the sheep had cut its eye out. He had the sheep with him and I saw that the eyeball had had been burst and blood was flowing from the wound.

Mahmoud Kurdi's effort was for one reason only, and that was to incite the still excitable people to further attack on the Jews. Included amongst the witnesses against him was a Britisher. I had the man arrested, tried him on the spot, and sentenced him to six month's imprisonment. ~~on the spot.~~

The reason I sentenced him was because he was the brother of Isawi's handmaid who had rejected my advances for immoral purposes and this was my revenge!

(c) On two occasions I paid a visit to the Tul Karem Agricultural School and on both occasions I found the Moslem Director in bed - once at 10o'clock and once at 12o'clock in the morning.

His conduct was most unsatisfactory and as a result the Education Committee passed a vote of censure on him. He resented this and resigned.

ABDUL RAHMAN was saddled with the responsibility of his dismissal and had nothing to do with it at all.

(d)

I received several complaints from different sources, that the woman attendant at the Tul Karem Girl's School was in the habit of reciting filthy stories to the girl pupils. At the same time I heard that she was refusing to marry a certain Moslem.

I had the woman in and severely reprimanded her for her conduct with the girls.

She went straight to Doctor Haddad the M.O. and I am assured, although the doctor would not

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is a summary of the work done and the results achieved. It is a general statement of the work done and the results achieved.

2. The second part of the report deals with the specific work done during the year. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved.

3. The third part of the report deals with the financial statement of the work done during the year. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the conclusions and recommendations. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved. It is a detailed statement of the work done and the results achieved.

(8)

tell me, being a bitter opponent of the Mayor, that the Mayor was trying to have her dismissed because she was defying the Moslem code with reference to marriage.

The M.O. immediately gave her a medical certificate, stating that owing to a certain disease, (I think a kind of tuberculosis of her breasts) she could not marry for at least three months.

Later, I received further reports that she was using obscene language in front of small girls, and I dismissed her stating that she was presumably suffering from consumption, and this is a communicable disease.

The doctor and the same clique attacked the Mayor who again was innocent of any part taken in the matter. I did not discuss the matter with him.

In the case where a medical certificate is in question, a layman is powerless, but I am assured that the certificate was given solely to embarrass me and to attack the Mayor.

(33) I could continue quoting examples where intrigue of the most blatant character is responsible for much of the false information which has resulted in the common idea that ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: is a power unto himself. He is a powerful man, I do not deny this, and he does not use this power to embarrass the Government in ordinary matters, the Hudeirsh incident excepted. If it came to a critical time again I would rather have ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: ON THE side of the Government and I should regret our doing anything that might jeopardise his good will without very good reason. If a more trustworthy man could be found to replace him this would not matter, but I must confess that I cannot choose a single man from Tul Karem who is competent to act as Mayor. However with the new elections this choice of Mayor will be left to the people and if ABDUL RAHMAN is not returned and for his share in the HUDEIREH incident he must not be returned. I am wondering who the people will choose, as at the moment I have not the slightest idea.

(34) We must not expect too much of the new Municipality, for I am sure that there will be chaos for some time.

(9)

(35) I must now return to ABDEL LATIF ABU HANTASH. This man spends a great deal of his time in brothels in Jaffa, and he has to my knowledge held meetings in these brothels, with most undesirable acquaintances, and scurrilous attacks have been made on the Mayor.

(36) ABDEL LATIF insists that it is due to the Mayor's power over me that I placed him under bond and as the Moslem Christian Committee interested themselves in his case through the Mayor of Jaffa OMAR EFF: BITTAR, he has a means of still strengthening the rumour that I am not my own master.

(37) I do not know how much of this has been heard by you in Jaffa. I however have heard that the rumour is current in Jaffa.

(38) If you have any particulars concerning ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: I would be most obliged if you would let me see them so I can give my opinion as to their trustworthiness or otherwise, the source of origin would help me considerably in this.

(39) Tul Karem Sub-District is most difficult to run, its once having been a District emphasizing the difficulty. Officials soon become contaminated by contact with contending parties, either political or religious. I am giving you a list of officials who have been either dismissed or transferred for offences since I have been here - a little over a year.

(40) With such a staff as this I think you will agree that too much credence cannot be put upon rumours that have emanated from Tul Karem.

(1) FAYAD JAWDAT

MAGISTRATE'S CLERK.
DISMISSED.

Irregular procedure.

(2) HANNA GHANDOUR

POLICE CLERK.
DISMISSED.

Drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

(3) NESSIB MOURAD

CHIEF REVENUE CLERK.
Dismissed.

Unsatisfactory work. Very suspicious behaviour.

(4) FAWZI TUFFAHA

MAGISTRATE'S CHIEF CLERK.
DISMISSED.

Irregularities.

(5) AZIZ MOHYAR

SUB-SANITARY INSPECTOR.
DISMISSED
Misconduct.

(10)

- (6) MUNIF HUSSEINI DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL.
Censured for incompetent and
lazy work . RESIGNED.
- (7) THEODORE ABOUD POLICE OFFICER
TRANSFERRED
Unsatisfactory work.
- (8) WADIE EFF: ISAWI DISTRICT OFFICER.
TRANSFERRED.
Ordinary transfer.
- (9) SALIM EFF: DURZI FINANCE CLERK.
TRANSFERRED.
Unsatisfactory behaviour and
politics.
- (10) SHEWFIK MUSSALLAM G.A. STAFF CLERK
TRANSFERRED.
Ordinary transfer.
- (11) ISSA DEEBI LAND REGISTRAR
TRANSFERRED.
Ordinary transfer.
- (12) LUTFI NUCHO LAND REGISTRAR.
TRANSFERRED.
Ordinary transfer.
- (13) ALI ABU ROUB POLICE CLERK
TRANSFERRED
PROCURING WOMEN FOR CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES.
- (14) NEBI ZEYATA CLERK LAND REGISTRY.
TRANSFERRED.
Ordinary transfer.
- (15) SULIMAN TARZI CUSTOM'S CLERK
TRANSFER.
Ordinary transfer.
- (16) GABRA GHANDOUR. G.A. CHIEF CLERK.
TRANSFER.
Ordinary transfer.
- (17) SCHEIK ALI CHIEF SHERIEH COURT CLERK
TRANSFERRED.
Irregularities.
- (18) DARWISH ANEBTAWI CIVIL MAGISTRATE.
TRANSFERRED
Incompetence.

(41) Out of these eighteen cases there have been ELEVEN DISMISSALS AND TRANSFERS owing to MISBEHAVIOUR and this I think is abnormally high when compared with other sub-districts.

(42) The continual changing of staff and the unsatisfactory composition of this staff, has necessitated my keeping vigilant, and this extra supervision falling on one pair of shoulders makes it no light matter.

(43) Extra to these cases I am afraid that I shall have to recommend that two Tax Collectors be dismissed for neglect of duty.

(44) In conclusion I wish to point out that the power of ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: is kept well in bounds by me and I know of no case of injustice on his part which has been allowed by me.

(45) The point now arises as to what the effect will be when he is dismissed from the Mayoralty.

(46) The only men I know who might re-place him are rich but brainless. I hope this will be taken into consideration in the future when trouble arises.

(47) Politically the result will be bad, but of course this can be dealt with.

(48) ABDUL RAHMAN EFF: Is not Anti British any more than the ordinary Palestinian is and he is a most useful man to an Administrator. I am not able to foretell what his attitude will be under the new conditions. As an ordinary member of the community he will be much more difficult to deal with than when he is Mayor.

(48) To be perfectly just to the man I must say that except for the Hudeireh lapse on his part he has done nothing that he should be dismissed for.

C. F. Reading

II.12.21
CFR.

S.D. GOVERNOR,
TUL KAREM SUB) DISTRICT.

S.T.K./SS

The Governorate,
Tul Karem.

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To The Governor,
Jaffa District.

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Subject:- ABDEL EFF: RAHMAN, MAYOR TUL KAREM.

REFERENCE:- Z/3 of 2/12/21.

As this subject needs a long report I
will furnish one in the very near future.

C. F. Reading

6/12/21.
CPR.

S.D. Governor,
Tul Karem.

SThe Governor's
Tul Karam.

S.T.M.V.

To The Governor
Jaffa District.

Subject:- ABDEL EZZ : RAHMAN, MAYOR TUL KARAM.

REFERENCE:-

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REF. NO. Z/3.

THE GOVERNORATE?
JAFFA.

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2.12.1921.

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TO. SUB-GOVERNOR,

TULKERAM.

Now that the fines on the Villages in your Sub-District have been enforced the time has come to carry out what I have long had in my mind.

I am in no way satisfied that the Mayor, Abdul Rahman Bey used his influence for the good during the troubles; I am further convinced that far too much power has come into his hands. I want him removed from the Mayorship, not necessarily summarily, but effectively.

It is bad for any man to think himself indispensable. It is bad for any community to be dominated by one man, however clever.

I want your suggestions as to the best manner in which this can be effected.

Was he elected or nominated, if the latter by whom ?.

How many years has he been Mayor ?.

Whom would you nominate to his post as a temporary measure, pending the proposed elections for Municipalities.

Please give this matter your close consideration and let me have your views.

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GOVERNOR JAFFA DISTRICT.

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Tul Karem.

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To The Governor,
Jaffa District.

SECRET

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Subject:- Selim Abdul Rahman.

Reference:- 2/203 of 7 Novbr 1921.

I called on Mr Quigley and saw the file of a/m. Mr Quigley expressed his views and I thoroughly agree with them. I learnt so much of the Political side from my interview, that I am bound to confess I was impressed and I think it would be a most desirable thing if Mr Quigley would grant periodical interviews to me and to other Sub Governors who would then learn how Politics was affecting the country as a whole. Our political horizons are apt to be extremely limited and I do not know of any interview that I have had that has shown how little one really knows of what is going on outside one's own domains.

C.F. Reading

13/II/21.
CFR.

S.D. Governor,
Tul Karem.

Z/203.

THE GOVERNORATE JAFFA
P.O.B.No.205.

A/Director Public Security,
Central C.I.D., Jerusalem.

7th November 1921.

Subject:- SELIM ABDUL RAHMAN.²

Ref. Your 12/DA of 29.X.1921.

1. As reported in my Z/203 of 14.¹⁰XI.21 to Civil Secretary (copy of which is attached) this notable has been released from his bond.
2. Mr Reading has been instructed to report all his movements in order not to prejudice any surveillance you consider necessary.
3. Whatever proofs of his undesirable activities you may have, it is considered desirable not to re-impose this bond until some fresh outward indication is given.
4. Mr Reading will call at your Office on the 8th inst. to peruse your file on his previous records.

for Governor,
Jaffa District.

Enclosure.

Copy to S.D.G.Tulkarem.

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THE GOVERNMENT
P.O. No. 1000.

27th November 1951.

Director Public Security,
Central C.I., London.

Subject:- WILLIAM ABRAHAM

Ref. Your Ltr. of 29.10.51.

1. As reported in my Ltr. of 14.11.51 to
Civil Secretary (copy of which is attached)
this matter has been referred to the
S. W. Section and has been instructed to report.
All the movements in order not to prejudice any
surveillance you consider necessary.

2. Whatever proofs of his underground activities
you may have, if in connection with this not to
impose this fact until some fresh evidence
is given.

3. In Ltr. of 11.11.51 will call at your Office on the
15th inst. to discuss your file on his various records.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. B. B. B.

Enclosure.

Copy to C.I. B. B. B.

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12/DA.

The Governor,
Jaffa.

Subject. Selim Abdul Rahman.

Reference: Your Z/203 of 14th inst. to C.S.

Will you, please, inform whether
Selim Abdul Rahman has been released
from bond ?

E. D. P. S.
A.D.P.S.

Central C.I.D.,
Jerusalem.
29th October, 1921.

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The Governor,
Tahiti.

Subject: Collin Albert Hansen.

Reference: Your letter of 12th Jan. to C.E.

Will you, please, inform whether

Collin Albert Hansen has been released?

Yours faithfully,

A.D.P.E.

General C.I.D.,
Tahiti,
20th October, 1971.

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REF. NO. Z/203.

THE GOVERNORATE.
J A F F A.
P.O.B.NO. 205.

14th October 1921.

TO. CIVIL SECRETARY.
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
J E R U S A L E M.

Subject:- RELEASE OF SELIM ABDUL RAHMAN.

Reference attached correspondence.

(1);- Your instructions have been carried out.

(2);- I think it is only fair to Reading to point out the misapprehension under which this mistake was made.

(3);- Mr Reading tells me;-

(a);- With reference to our telephonic conversation of 6/10/21. will you kindly note that all arrangements concerning the placing under bond of a/m, was done by 'phone.

(b);- There was, as far as I can remember no specific time of bondage mentioned, but I was given to understand that the necessity for putting him under bond was owing to French pressure.

(c);- The only written instructions received were as follows;-

Headquarters.
Galilee District
Nazareth, 23/8/20.

District Governor,
Tulkarem.

Subject:- Salim Abdul Rahman.

The a/m is sent you herewith under escort in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Jerusalem. Please acknowledge arrival.

(Sgd) A. Wallis.
District Commandant Police,
Galilee.

(d);- I have never seen Salim's File.

(e):- The arrest took place in August 1920, and the Proclamation No. 170. was not in force until October 1920, and a copy of it was not received in this Office until some time after.

(f):- I received no further instructions concerning him.

(g):- As the French had forgiven Salim and as he had kept to his bond, I released him. His taking part in Politics in June 1921 was by my express wish as I obtained an account of certain facts through his help, and I especially asked him to act as President of the local Nadi il Watani for certain reasons, and he has asked me several times if he need still remain as such and I have told him such is my wish for the time being.

(4):- With reference to his release there was no question of Proclamation No. 170, as I have stated, I released him as I can honestly say that to have kept him under bond after the French had on their part freed him, would have done no good, and he has nothing rankling in his mind against us more than thousands of young Palestinians who are not under supervision.

(4):- I would recommend that in the circumstances further action is not necessary.

Jr
A/GOVERNOR JAFFA DISTRICT.

JD/

SECRET.

The Governorate,
TUL KARM SUB- DISTRICT.

The Governor,
JAFPA DISTRICT.

SUBJECT: SALIM ABD ER RAHMAN.

(a) With reference to our telephonic conversation of 6/10/31, would you kindly note that all arrangements concerning the placing under bond of a/m, was done by 'phone?

(b) There was, as far as I can remember no specific time of bondage mentioned, but I was given to understand that the necessity for putting him under bond was owing to French pressure.

I rang up Colonel Cox when Salim had been arrested, and asked if he could be sent so that he could arrive on the eve of the Feast of Bairam. I thought that this would affect the people as Salim is very popular, and I knew that his mother was dying.

Colonel Cox arranged this and confirmatory orders were again given by Jerusalem to the Galilee police as follows:-

No. 131/A.

Headquarters
Galilee District,
Nazareth, 23/8/30.

District Governor
TUL KARM.

Subject:- Salim Abdul Rahman.

(c) The a/m is sent you herewith under escort in accordance with telephonic instructions received from Jerusalem. Please acknowledge arrival.

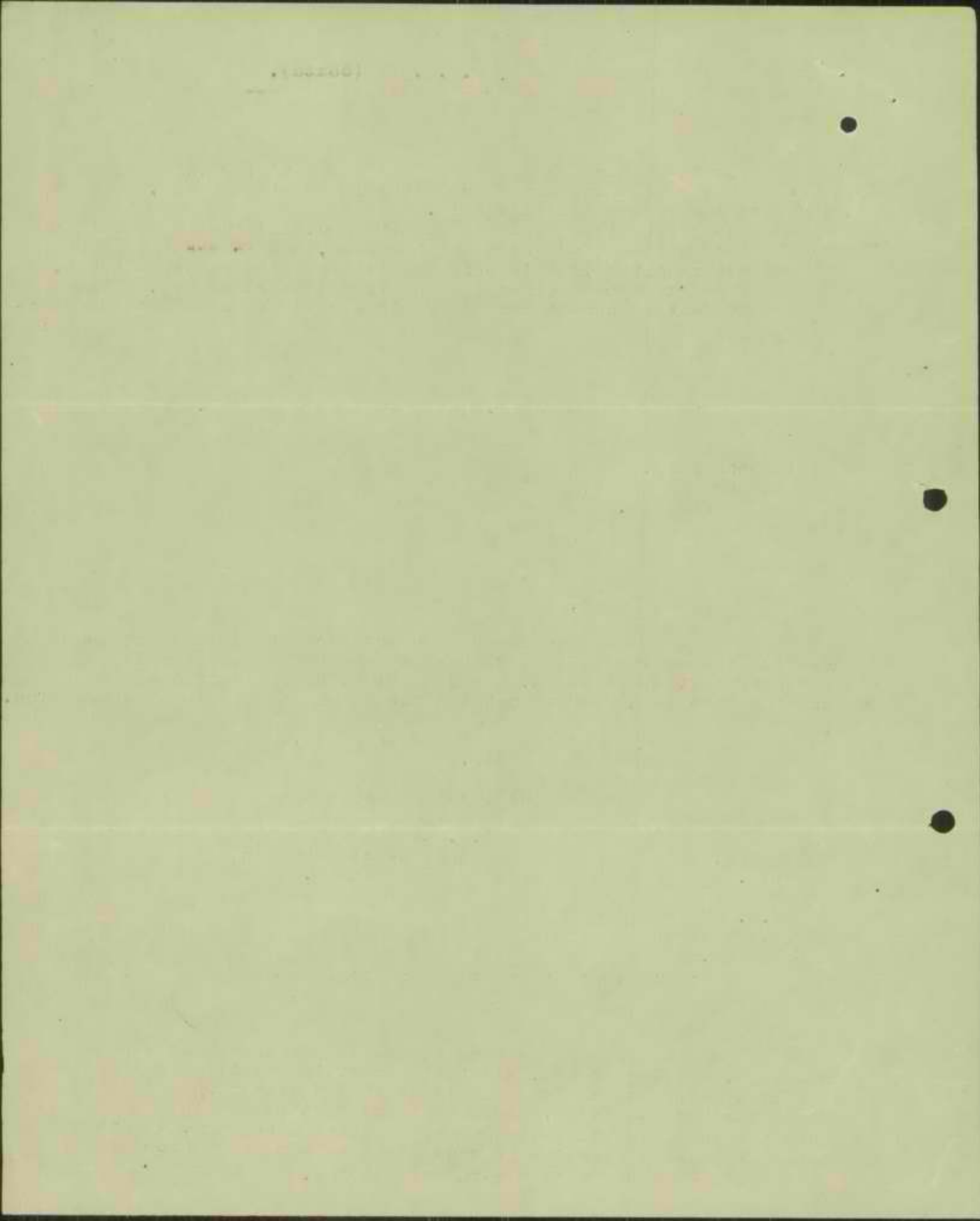
M.G.K.

M. Wallis,
District Commandant of Police,
Galilee.

Civil Secretary,
Government House,
Jerusalem.

Sir,

TUL KAREM,
23/8/20.



JTB.

Salim has personal enemies in the club and there is one man from Dennabeh who is in my opinion the most dangerous man in the Sub- district although his activities have apparently escaped the notice of my predecessors, and although Salim does not count this man among his enemies he told me that he was hopelessly and incorrigibly a fanatic who would never see reason and that I should watch him accordingly. This I have done and Salim was right in every detail.

Extra to this he has on other occasions given me most valuable aid and information, and I could point out many men in this district who are considerably more dangerous than Salim will ever be.

With reference to his release there was no question of Proclamation No. 70, and as I have stated, I released him as I can honestly say that to have kept him under bond after the French had on their part freed ~~them~~ him, would have done no good, and he has nothing rankling in his mind against us more than thousands of young Palestinians who are not under supervision.

C. F. Reading

S. D. Governor,
Tul Karem Sub-District.

S/10/21.
CFR.

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Mr. Campbell -
Governor of Vatta.

The Civil Secretary requests
me to transmit to you
attached paper & to
ask you to inclose with
statement made in paragraph
marked A (Colonel Bramley
memo). It should be
pointed out to Mr.
Reading that (if he did
as stated) his action was
irregular & highly improper.

Y. Richmond
— For C. S.

Note on Selim Abdue Rahaman.

"G"

— Thanks for my copy. 7/20/23 15

It is difficult for me to report any fresh information re his movements or feelings as he is now in the closest confidence of Mr. Reading & through him the MSS appear to be working the breaking up of loose societies of which the man is himself the President (Nadi A. Walang).

What Mr. Reading hopes to gain in the end is still more difficult to understand. — Selim is his 1st lieutenant now & this he is confining his operations to Tuckervan only for the present.

In my opinion the man is now & cannot get up headstrong in position. Therefore, as he is undoubtedly in the future, he should be reported as against Mr. Reading to Jan & watched closely. —
W. W. Wainwright

15th 11/10/23

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S E C R E T.

REF.NO. Z/203.

THE GOVERNORATE.
J A F F A.

P.O.B.NO.203.
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CIVIL SECRETARY.
GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
J E R U S A L E M.

Subject:-SELIM ABDUL RAHMAN.

Reference:-12/DA. of 20.9.21. from
D.P.S. to you.

- (1):- Instructions have already been given to Mr. Reading to discontinue direct application to higher authority except in matters of extreme urgency when communication with the Governor of the District has failed.
- (2):- With regard to the treatment of Selim Abdul Rahman, I am disposed to rely on the opinion of the Officer on the spot and cannot altogether accept the reflection on the judgment of two successive Governors of Tulkeram implied in the statement- "Selim and his very cunning old father at the time succeeded in making a stalking horse of the then Governor of Tulkeram as successfully as they have of Mr Reading."
- Every Officer with District experience knows that bold methods are often the most successful with dangerous opponents of Government policy. Encouragement at the right moment when a tendency to reasonableness momentarily shown is often completely effective in transforming a bitter enemy into a powerful supporter of law and order. Such treatment does not prove that a District Officer is being duped. The method of dealing with inhabitants of his District is entirely his responsibility.
- (3):- This, I submit does not in any way remove the responsibility of the C.I.D. for the most relentless watch on every possible element of danger however deceptive. If for this purpose the C.I.D. authorities wish the movements of Selim, or any other person to be reported, I consider that they have every right to this assistance, and their wishes will be at once complied with throughout this District.
- (4):- On the other hand all the information they have on any such person should be placed frankly at the disposal of the District Officer, who may thereby modify his opinion though not necessarily his outward demeanour in respect of the suspected Notable.

28.9.1921.

A/GOVERNOR JAFFA DISTRICT.

COPY TO D.P.S REE HIS 12/DA. of 20.9.21.
to C.S.
Copy to C.I.D.

2/203 Governor's City
12/DA. 23
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SECRET.

Civil Secretary.

Subject: Selim Abdul Rahman.

I have read these notes with great interest. I still find myself in entire agreement with Mr. Quigley's statement of the case and would strongly deprecate any removal in present circumstances of security from the individual in question, who was along with Abdul Kadir Masghar - responsible more than any one else in Palestine for stirring up the anti-Jewish and anti-British troubles in March 1920. Selim and his very cunning old father, at the time succeeded in making a stalking horse of the then Governor of Tul Karam as successfully as they have of Mr. Reading - who unconsciously admits in his note (1). That Selim "has an exceedingly powerful following". (2). That he is "in a position to be a continual embarrassment to Government without the slightest danger to himself", (vide his very clever proceedings during the recent attack on Petach Tikvah!). (3) That he hates and despises the French" - and this despite the fact that they have only recently magnanimously pardoned him? (4) That he is "a dangerous firebrand & European hater" (5) That his "opposition to the Jews is great - though he is now said to be "very anxious to close the breach and bury the hatchet" - a very natural proceeding in the case of a man who now sees that retribution is nigh - in the shape of pains and penalties for gratuitions and malicious damage done by his own people. (6) That "he has many enemies amongst his own people" - though Mr. Reading here omits to mention that he is himself removing Selim's difficulties in this particular direction by the most vigorous but illegal prosecution under the Crimes Prevention Act of those very enemies! Mr. Reading at the same time naively admits that he has taken unto himself the Powers of the High Commissioner by already releasing Selim from a bond imposed on him by the orders of the Head of Government! He also candidly admits that he has deliberately ignored Standing Public Security Orders (issued with the sanction and approval of Government) concerning the obligations of D.C.F.'s & District Governors to report all movements of a certain class of political suspects - of whom Selim is one. I also note that, although only a Deputy Governor in charge of a Sub-District, he apparently habitually addresses notes and memoranda on administrative matters direct to the Civil Secretary and does not apparently (as in this case) even inform his District Governor, to whom he is immediately subordinate and responsible. Before proceeding any further I suggest therefore that his position be now clearly defined. Personally I know of no reason why he should be allowed any more freedom in this regard than any other officer in his position. In the present case the District Governor and District Commandant of Police, Jaffa, are the two officers primarily responsible for the submission of any such

Instruction to this effect already given to G.T.

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Dear Campbell

- Herewith is a letter
by OPS to C.S. Col
Bramley has directed
me to send copies to
yourself and Wainwright.
- will you pass W.^d
copy on to Lin.

The matter has arisen
over Reading's letter
to ASD, a copy of which
was sent me by Oct.
his reference being
518/G.F. 10/1/21.

Yours Sincerely
P. Ringley

26/9/21.

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proposals and whatever therefore may be the merits of Mr. Reading's contention, I suggest that the whole case be referred to the District Governor, Jaffa, for such action as he considers fit to take - and that Mr. Reading be directed to submit such proposals through the correct channels in future. This is all the more necessary now in order to avoid the repetition of a fiasco which occurred last July when the Civil Secretary, practically on advice given by this same very erratic - and in my opinion unreliable - officer recommended the Government to take certain strong action which it was not in a position to eventually adopt.

DIRECTOR PUBLIC SECURITY.

Public Security,
Government House,
Jerusalem.

20th October, 1921.

COPY TO:- C.I.D.

ASA

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

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Department

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No.

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Date

3-1X - 1921

From

Reading

Confidential

O. Elin Abdul Rahman ^{has} been freed from his bond.

This has the approval of CS
— I am sending a report
to a/cb (PI) copy to
Gov Jappa.

DCP

approved

For

information

Joy

"G" This is a mistake
I must report to C.A.
Mr. Reading knows he
is sending in a report.

Ang A See if please

file with
report

Taken by

Joy/C

LSW
BCC 5/5

SECRET.

Asst Civil Secretary (P)
Government House
Jerusalem.



Copy to Governor.
JRAFFA

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Phan...
Shan...
No TK 11/L/15
DCP should see
JRA/G

Over one year ago SALIM ABDUL RAHMAN was put under bond and was given certain instructions concerning his movements.

Last month a free pardon was received by SALIM from the French Authorities and considering his excellent behaviour and also considering that his offences committed while in Damascus were against French Authority he having committed none to my knowledge against the British I have freed him from his bond for if the French could forgive him on what excuse could we keep him "tied up" ?

SALIM has an exceedingly powerful following and when he first came to Tulkarem it appeared to me that his subsequent treatment by me would determine whether he should become a life-long enemy of the British or friendly to us.

When I first met him I came to the conclusion that he was young and hot headed but he had a lot of good in him.

Whether he were under bond or not, had he wished, his local power was such that he could have been a continual embarrassment to the Government without the slightest danger to himself, and I took the trouble to study him and to treat him in the way I considered best to make a friend of him. He never in any way did anything to embarrass me but used his influence to help me.

The manner of his arrival on the first day of Beiram and his mother's death a fortnight after arrival gave me a chance to approach him from the "human being" point of view. His views were advanced and his Pan-Arabism blatant, but he loyally stuck to the conditions under which I placed him when he first came.

G.I.D. and I do not see eye to eye with reference to my treatment of SALIM, and have periodically questioned his movements.

His father has many enemies and so has Salim and it is the easiest thing on earth for false reports to reach Jerusalem. I expect now Jerusalem will be inundated with them.

Should he proceed to Jaffa for a hair cut he is bound to have attended some Secret meetings or other, and if he should take it into his head to visit Trans-Jordania or Damascus goodness knows what he will not have done.

He has been perfectly open in his expressions of opinion with me and this has given me a chance of arguing with him and on some points I have convinced him on the errors of his ways. When he has not agreed with me he has been man enough to tell me so in no uncertain manner, and when I have driven a point home he has acknowledged this.

I know fairly well where we stand with him. He hates and despises the French owing to their opposition to King Feisal on whose staff he served. This is more than

This is more than political it has the personal side to it and is only in keeping with his loyalty to what was then a fallen Chief, and this I place to his credit .

His adoration for the King was and is pronounced, and the cause of all his troubles and trials were Frenchmen.

When the Emir finally became the King of Irak, SALIM's enthusiasm knew no bounds and his gratitude to the British for risking their friendship with France to re-instate Feisal in the eyes of the Arabs of the world was made ~~an~~ apparent in an interview he subsequently had with me .

To day SALIM might quite easily have been a bitter antagonist to anything and anybody European had he been treated without forethought and courtesy and had I taken the You-are-a-naughty-boy-and-if-you-are-not-careful-will-be-whipped, do-not-forget-you-are-watched line of action, sooner or later ^{the Court} would have had to let loose among the people, - For he could not be bound forever - a dangerous firebrand and a clever insidious European hater .

The placing of Feisal on the throne of Irak has deeply affected this part of the country and all the "Moderates" and a very great number of the "Immoderates" have shown in many ways their attachment to the British for their "magnificent magnanimity"

The Government must recognize that SALIM ABDUL RAHMAN is as strong in the affections of the people as AREF IL AREF and has a much stronger following among the fellahs than Aref had, and with deference I should like to add that one of the wisest moves made was when AREF IL AREF was given a Government post.

SALIM is rich, owns a lot of land and is a local hero yet he aspires to a Government post. Salary is not the chief consideration with him .

His opposition to the Jews was great yet he personally is now willing to give me all possible aid to close the breach and bury the hatchet.

The recent publication of the evidence concerning the Hudeireh riots caused a stir, both SALIM and ISAWI EFF. were much perturbed, more especially the latter, but other than the individuals mentioned in the paper up to the present nobody seems to take much interest in the report .

With reference to the recent meeting of Notables at Jerusalem, there is very little local comment. Abdel Rahman Eff. our local delegate seemed to be more interested in his subsequent interview with the Civil Secretary who he states is the "power behind the throne". He gave me a graphic description of the Civil Secretary's attitude during "The Meeting". He decided that the Civil Secretary, while listening, to the speeches, was studying the personality of the individuals present through his fingers, endeavouring to probe the minds of the men he was studying, and anticipating their spoken opinions

C.F. Reading

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The Rais el Baladiya Abdel Rahman Haj Ibrahim left for Jerusalem on the 2nd inst for an interview with the High Commissioner and to arrange about the schooling of his boys. He returned on the 6th very gratified with his reception and with the kindness shown him.

Tul Keram.
7-8-1920.

L. H. Holt.

Major
District Governor
Tul Keram.

Headquarters,
O.E.T.A.(S),
JERUSALEM.

I have submitted in a special cover the Budget of the Tul Keram Municipality for the year 1920-21.

I take the opportunity of humbly bringing to the notice of the C.A. the flourishing state of the Municipality's finances. Great credit is due to the Rais El Baladia, the members of the council, the Local Adviser and the M.O. for this state of affairs. An adverse balance of some hundreds of pounds has been converted into a credit of L.E.300, being receipts over expenditure, without an increase of taxation, together with a creditable record of a series of improvements to the town. These include the following measures:

1. The bringing of the cleanliness of the town to a high state of efficiency.
2. The building of a slaughter house, public latrines, incinerators and other conveniences.
3. The provision of municipal requisites such as water and other carts harness and necessary tools and utensils.
4. The purchase, at a cost of L.E.600, of iron piping, taps, etc. to complete the water scheme. It is hoped that water will be laid on to every house within a period of 3 months.
5. The planning of an electric lighting scheme for the town. The L.E. 300 credit balance and the provision made in the new Budget will be sufficient to allow of the work being carried through before next winter.
6. The planning and creation of a new public garden of 2200 square yards in area. 180 yards of boundary walls have been built and an entrance gateway is in course of erection. Some 600 sapling trees have already been planted and work on paths and flower beds is being pushed forward.
7. The partial making and planting of a small garden on the east of the town.

The above works are apart from those carried out by the Local Kearef, village Municipalities and other committees.

I recommend that as a recognition of these and other services that the names of the three persons mentioned below be put forward for membership of the Order of the British Empire and other suitable reward:

Rais El Baladia	Abdul Rahman Eff. Haj Ibrahim Ismail.
Local Adviser	Wadi Isawi Eff.
Medical Officer	Philip Shediad Eff.

If the C.A. would consent to open the public garden and Zeraa grounds at the end of the present financial year and bestow locally an, honours that may be given, the political effect would be beneficial.

TUL KERAM, 20.2.1920.

L.H. Howe
MAJOR,
Military Governor,
TUL KERAM.